

WALSALL WOOD F.C. UP IN FLAMES !

In the early hours of Sunday 3rd September 1995, it is alleged that youths set fire to the Social Club in the grounds of Walsall Wood Football Club, completely gutting the building and devastating the Steward and his wife.

For the last 3 months they have lived and breathed the club and were planning a big grand opening at the

end of October. Now all of these plans are up in smoke as well.

There has been approximately £5,000 worth of damage and the building was not insured as it is a wooded building, the building has been completely destroyed on the inside.

The only way the club will be able

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Sandhills Preservation Society

The Sandhills Preservation Society, who are actively opposing the development of Home Farm for an Industrial Park, will be holding a Public Meeting Wednesday 20th September 1995 at - Shire Oak Community School at 7.30 pm.

The intention is to bring local residents up to date with details of the Public Enquiry which commences 7th November 1995 at Walsall Council House, and to let people now what they can do to help.

The final decision about what will happen to Home Farm will be made at this Public Enquiry and it is vital that we let the Inspector know just how much opposition there is in the area to this development. It can, and will, affect his decision.

The impact on Brownhills and surrounding area, if it should go ahead, will be immense and if the Public Enquiry should go in St. Modwen's favour there is nothing else that can be done, and no further room for objection. Therefore it is vital to focus all of our efforts onto the Public Enquiry.

It is worth remembering that the

first Public Enquiry went in St. Modwen's favour - fortunately Walsall Council were in a position, on that occasion, to ignore the Inspectors recommendation. This time they are not - subject to suitable plans they will have to let St. Modwen go ahead.

Anyone interested in joining the Sandhills Preservation Society should contact Lynn Wright on 01543 454691.

BROWNHILL'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild were supposed to be holding a show on the 6th and 7th October, unfortunately it has had to be cancelled, but Sheila Hipkiss promises me that as soon as they have a new date for the event they will let us know, we will then be able to give you a full report on the event.

Sheila will be giving her report as normal in next month's issue of the Gazette.

Walsall Wood Wedding



The happy couple, Paulette and Adrian Horobin

It was sunshine all the way on the last Saturday in July in Walsall Wood, when Miss Paulette Francesca Sedgwick, the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sedgwick, Castle Road, Walsall Wood married Mr. Adrian Horobin the eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Horobin of Portsmouth.

The Bride was given away by her father, Mr. Patrick Sedgwick; the Best Man was Mr. Craig Horobin; Ushers being Mr. Danny Hughes and Mr. Norman Horobin; the Bridesmaid was Miss Victoria Sedgwick.

The Bride's Dress was ivory, off-the-shoulder styling, with plum roses on the front; the Head-dress had pearl cones with plum and ivory

roses; short Veil and the Bride carried a Bouquet of lilies and carnations.

The Bridesmaid wore an ankle-length dress that was ivory below the waist, with plum satin at the front above the waist and ivory roses on the back.

Both the Bride and Bridesmaid's outfits were from 'Red Rose Designs' in Sutton Coldfield.

The Bride was educated at Our Lady & St. Chad's R.C. School, Wolverhampton, and the Bridegroom at Shire Oak School.

Father Rhodes officiated at the Wedding Ceremony.

The Reception was at The Brasshouse, Aldridge.

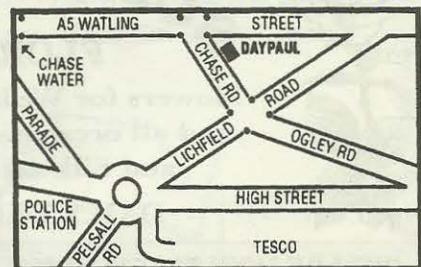
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No more bar meals for a while!

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to raise the money for repairs will be from fund raising events and donations from the public.

The Walsall Wood Football Club has been established since 1924 and is something that most people in the

area recognise as always being a part of the community. It would be a tragedy if this mindless destruction drew the club to a close.

The steward and his wife feel that this could mean the financial end of the club and it's ultimate closure, as

the club has only scraped through, financially, in recent times, this final blow could mean the end.

The public are urged to support any local fund raising attempts, so that we can keep a very important part of our local history alive.

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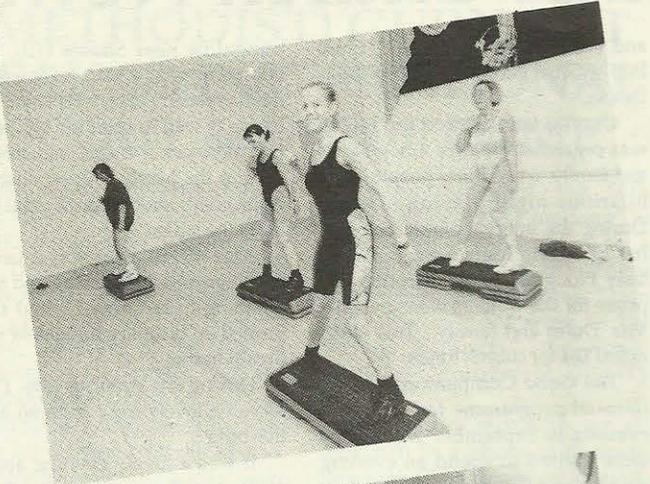
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TUESDAY

7-8 p.m. Low Impact Aerobics
8.30 - 9.30 p.m. Tums and Bums

FRIDAY

10.30 a.m. - 11.30 Tums and Bums

SATURDAY

11.30 a.m. - 11.30 Dance Classes

WEDNESDAY

1-2 p.m. Step
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Clayhanger Methodist Church News

Our new Church Hall was a boon during the last few weeks of intense heat. We could have all the windows open which was so different from the old wooden army hut, where every window was nailed down, the toilet window bricked up on account of so many break-ins.

Standing on its own in such an isolated position in Clayhanger Lane it was an easy target, especially in the winter when tramps spent the nights there wrapped up in our velvet stage curtains in front of the gas fires.

The church too was an easy target, we never recovered the lovely brass cross presented by the

Clayhanger Girls Club or the large solid oak vestry table that had stood in the vestry since the church was built in 1885, it was stolen in broad daylight one Friday afternoon. Now all the houses are being built around our church we feel we have a body-guard, people will guard it.

Our Ladies Good Companion had a very busy but enjoyable time during the month of August, the Beetle Drive was a very happy and friendly evening with much fun. The General Meeting to plan the Autumn programme was very constructive, we planned all the help we would give for our Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper, Church Bazaar

and voted to go to the Lock House Pub at Great Hayward for our Xmas Dinner.

Our fundraising effort this month was organised by Mrs. Lucy Dunn and family, when thirty people had a hilarious night playing skittles. During the interval Mrs Dunn and her two daughters served a very tasty Ploughmans Supper, this and prizes for the winners were given by Mrs. Dunn and family. This effort raised £84 for church funds.

The Good Companions had an unusual programme for their first evening in September when they were invited to spend an evening with Vi and Gordon Payne in their

bungalow near Shoals Hill. This bungalow was a place of interest to the seventeen ladies who went. Mrs. Payne is well known for her beautiful craft work and this was very evident in the lovely drapes, cushions, embroidery which was of great interest to the ladies.

Also Mr. Payne is very interested in design and architecture and it was amazing to see how he had transformed an ordinary bungalow into a dream home.

During the evening Mrs. Payne served a lovely meal from an attractive buffet.

It was a lovely evening and the warm hospitality we received from Mr. and Mrs. Payne will be a night to remember.

Gwen H. James

SPEED ON THE A5

How many people reading this article actually obey the speed limit on the A5? Going ten miles per hour over the limit doesn't really matter as long as you are careful and don't get caught, but in this day and age commuting from place to place, occupies a lot of our time which could be spent better elsewhere. You look at your watch and then speed up because you are not getting there quickly enough. Getting home quickly

seems to be the entire point of our lives recently. People who speed break the law at their own risk.

Both of the sets of pelican crossings by Deakin Avenue along the A5 in Brownhills are subject to light-jumpers. As a student I cross the A5 at least five times a week and have seen numerous idiotic people who ignore the red light, lorries are a particular hazard as they speed down the road and are then unable to stop at the lights.

With the A5 being such a straight road it must be very tempting to rev the engine and belt down the road at excess speed. The problem though is greater at the junction of the A5 and the Parade, where having built up enough speed people are not able to stop and shoot across at the last minute when the lights are red, endangering both their lives and the lives of other motorists and pedestrians.

Maybe speed inhibitors inbedded in the road would help, those which make it seem that you are going faster than you really are very good. Traffic cameras on the traffic lights to record the registration numbers of cars which jump the lights so that they could be prosecuted. Something could be done.

I know it is frustrating not to be home in five seconds flat and I know what it is like when you are going to be late, but please will everyone be sensible about their speed and keep an eye on the traffic lights.

The road belongs to everyone, not just you.

Francesca Yates
(14)

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

JOBBURNS - ALBERT - Passed away 10th August 1995, to us you were someone special, someone set apart. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. Loving wife, daughter and family.

JOBBURNS - ALBERT - Memories of a Dear Friend (Albert), who passed away August 10th 1995. The value of a mans life, Is not what he gets from it, But what he becomes from it - Sadly missed by Hilda & Sam Barber & Family

NOTICES OF THANKS

DOWNES - HILDA and family would like to thank everyone who gave donations in lieu of flowers to Walsall Heartcare after their sad loss. Total donated £1,045. - H.M. Downes.

JOBBURNS - ALBERT - The wife, daughter and family would like to thank relatives, friends, neighbours of New Road, Brownhills, for their kindness, cards, floral tributes and donations in our sad loss. God Bless you all.

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Peak '95 was divided into 12 Sub Camps. Each Sub Camp was named after a Stately Home or Castle in Derbyshire. We were camping in Hardwick Sub Camp.

We were privileged to have International Visitors from Countries far afield as Japan, Norway, Barbados, America, Canada and Romania camping in our Sub Camp. We really enjoyed ourselves meeting new people and making new friends. Some of our Company were lucky enough to be re-united with pen pals they first met at Peak '90, the 1st International Scout and Guide Camp that the '4th Brownhills Guides' attended.

There were endless activities to try whilst you were at Camp. You could try your hand at Sailing, Dry Skiing, Quad Bikes, Clay Pigeon/Pistol Shooting, Canoeing, Stunt Kite Flying, Archery to name but a few. If you felt really energetic you could try to conquer the artificial Rock Climbing Wall (Recently used for the 1995 World Championships held at N.I.A. Birmingham). To be honest there was so many activities on offer they are too numerous to mention!

During Camp we were visited by Margaret Wright, the newly appointed Chief Commissioner for Guiding. Incidentally

Margaret founded the '4th Brownhills Guide Company' in 1967! We were treated to a superb display by the Royal Navy Helicopter Display Team and later on in the week by the 'Flying Gunners', the Royal Artillery Motorcycle Display Team.

On Friday morning we all took part in a phone-in competition with Chris Evans on Radio 1, where we were all invited to record a new jingle for Chris to use in his Breakfast Show. The evening was spent watching the Camp Carnival Procession and Closing Ceremony before dancing the night away at the customary Disco held each night of Camp.

Saturday saw us dismantling our Tents ready for the trip home. We said our goodbyes to friends old and new and made a pledge to meet at Peak 2000!!!

On behalf of the '4th Brownhills Guides' we would like to express our sincere thanks to our families, Brian and Judy Davis, Brian and Kath Rollins and last but not least Steve Rose, without whose help, attending Peak '95 would have been impossible!

Guiders Clare Rollins
Sandy Davis

If you are aged between 10-14 years and are interested in Fun Packed Evenings of Entertainment, then come and join us!

We meet every Monday Evening at Brownhills Methodist Church (behind Kwiksave), 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. If you require more information, please telephone Margaret Craddock on 01543 372164.

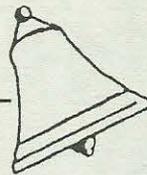
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It was a very hot day and it was hard not to feel sorry for the lads who were playing, the pitch was bone dry, but that didn't seem to put anybody off.

The teams were the Kingshurst Birmingham Lads verses our own Brownhills Glass All Stars, unfortunately for the All Stars, Kingshurst beat them by 7 goal to 3, but it was all taken in a good sporting manner.

A big thank you was sent out to Walsall Football Club and Roy Whally in particular, who, at very short notice, arranged for two of his players to attend the event, who happily signed autographs and mingled with the crowd. Ian Olney of Oldham Athletic spent the whole day at the match and no doubt gave a few words of advice.

Although the attendance wasn't as good as the organisers expected, despite the wonderfully hot weather, £800 was raised for charity and a good day was had by all.



Kingshurst Birmingham Lads with Referee Bernie Wright



Brownhills Glass All Stars with Ian Olney of Oldham Athletic

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Why aren't all air travellers issued with parachutes?

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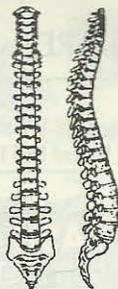


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This controversial argument has been raised by a number of political and other organisations, who believe that the only way to keep kids on the straight and narrow is to tell their parents that, if they don't keep their children in line, make sure they go to school, are in a certain time at night and that the children are disciplined in their own home. Then the parents will be fined or even imprisoned, when their child commits a punishable crime, such as 8 and 9 year olds mugging pensioners, breaking into other peoples homes, stealing and the number of other criminal activities that children seem to be getting involved in.

We want to hear your views, are things now getting totally out of control, would it make a difference to society if the parents of delinquent children were made to pay the price?

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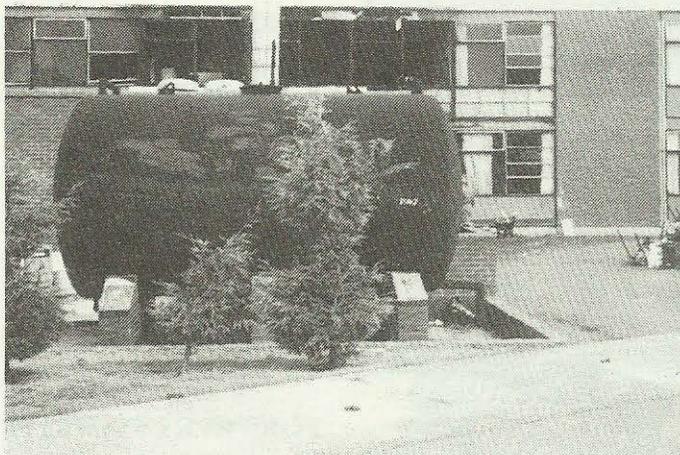
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ARSONISTS ATTACK SHELFIELD SCHOOL



Note the proximity of the cylindrical oil tanker to the fire zone area.

Not for the first time this year, arsonists were at work at Shelfield Community School, this time on the last day of August. The Main Reception Area, School and Community Association Offices and two class-rooms in the Geography Department were all gutted, and smoke damage took place in adjoining rooms, causing an estimated £100,000 worth of damage. This could have amounted to a lot more, but for the alertness of caretaker,

Dave Oram, who was able to give the fire-fighters access to all rooms and show them around the building.

Two absolutely devastated geography teachers, Steve Richwood and Francine Wilson expressed their feelings to The Pelsall Post. Whilst Francine was viewing a pile of charred books, buckled metal filing cabinet and burnt-out desks, tables, chairs and cupboards, Head of the Geography Department, Steve stated "I've been Head of Department here



A shocked parent, Mrs. Margaret Horton, and her 12-year old son, Neil, looking at the devastation caused.

for five years, working ten hours a day to build up the subject - all to no avail. Just look at it!"

Local residents had a lucky escape, as thanks to the stalwart efforts of forty members of the Fire Service, two nearby cylindrical Oil Storage Tanks, and the Reprographics Room containing inflammable liquids were not ignited.

Mrs. Margaret Horton, whose son Neil (aged 12) attends Shelfield

Community School, was virtually at a loss for words, as she stood looking at the charred out, blackened shell that should have been Neil's classroom this term. One specific classroom was thoroughly examined by a fire Investigation Team and Scenes of Crime Police Officers.

Despite the loss of these areas, valuable course work, books and equipment, the 850-pupil school was able to open on the first day of the Autumn Term.

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Should the civilised governments of the world put economic sanctions on France ?

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WOMEN'S COLUMN

AUTUMN FASHIONS

The difficulty this autumn is in describing the fashion scene. It is certainly not in the wearing because there is simply something for everyone. Lengths are long, short or somewhere in between. Styles depend on shape and texture for their impact. Designers have flirted with the 40s and 50s, but the 90s have won through with a look that takes the best from both memorable periods, yet stamps its own remarkable identity on the clothes you'll find coming into the shops about now.

The shapes of this autumn vary and can be attached to any mood. The neatly tailored suit is in the forefront, cut to show the curves of the lady beneath - devastatingly feminine yet businesslike. Simple shifts worn with tailored jackets take the business look into the early evening, and very short, pleated skirts with the latest, cropped tops, keep the look through into leisure time. And crossing all time lines, in office, home or restaurant, the little, simple dress in black, tartan or garish, autumn print, adds its touch of style.

But the long, A-line skirt in softest jersey or cotton crinkle fabric is still with us, and seems likely to stay. Worn with matching jacket to effect a suit, long-line sweater for the 'arty'

look or cropped Angora top for the ultimate feminine look, it can be seen almost everywhere and anywhere, gracing all occasions. And for the woman with that perfect figure, long, figure-hugging jersey dresses and skirts will certainly set the opposite sex's eyes popping as she slinks along.

Probably the big surprise of the season however is the return of the pinafore dress, now more commonly called the slip dress. Worn long or short over a skimpy tee shirt, leotard or silky shirt, it makes this autumn's real fashion statement, going anywhere, doing anything you care to imagine.

The textures of this season are probably the real news. Fluffy knitted yarns, smooth satins, crinkle cottons, heavy jerseys and knobbly boucles, are all to be seen, mixed, matched, worn all together or strictly alone.

Naturally the colours and the textures are very closely interwoven, if you'll forgive the pun. Greys and blacks are back, deep mulberry, forest green, navy, teal and ecru are

probably the top shades of the moment. Tartans of course are to be seen in all their glory, though the red and white Stewart are favourites, along with some that never ever saw the Highlands of Scotland on 'active service' so to speak!

Footwear this season is similarly eclectic. High vamped, high heels, suede mules, lace-up boots, neat leather pumps, practical walkers, can all be seen with a variety of upper styles. Boots with long skirts, walkers and pumps with slip dresses, high vamped fashion with the business suit and mules with almost anything, all add that touch of individuality to the look that's purely 'you'. And when the really bad weather arrives (!) make sure your feet are securely shod in chunky brogues, high, thick soled lace-ups, or long, mid calf, chunky boots. They're waterproof, weather-proof, and keep your feet dry and happy all day long.

Other accessories should be sharp, chic and shiny and bags should match shoes, of course!

For those times when the weather

gets really rough, you'll need a top coat. Wool is 'in' this year as never before, and mixed with a judicious amount of cashmere yarn, it will feel as good as it looks. Styles are very traditional this year with that lower mid-calf length for maximum protection, revers, high buttoning, optional raglan sleeves and a choice of fitted, flared or straight. In case the top coat is too much for your way of life, the longer blazer-style jacket will suit just as well, and do look out for the return of a very old friend. The duille coat is back, with a vengeance.

Of course, with the approach of winter and Christmas, so too comes the party season. And it's never been easier to shine as you wine and dine! Satin in all its sensuous glamour is the obvious choice, however, shadow striped velour comes an eye-catching close second in simple slip dresses of any length or close-fitting trousers under long, loose tunic tops. If you favour trousers, look for panne pleated velvet. Under a luxurious gold metallic knitted tunic top, it is a knock-out. For that real impact however, heavy gold embroidery on sheer black crepe takes a lot of beating. It's feminine, fast and festive. What more could you ask of any fashion?



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SHIRE OAK GRANT MAINTAINED COMMUNITY SCHOOL

STUDENTS REPORT POSITIVELY ABOUT THEIR RECENT TRIP TO GERMANY

At midnight on July 15th, 44 Shire Oak students from all year groups started out on the journey to Germany as part of their Modern Language course. The destination was a small town called Andernach on the River Rhine not far from Boppard.

All arrived at the Hotel at 4.00 the following afternoon, welcomed by glorious sunshine and after an excellent supper of Spaghetti Bolognese students and staff explored the walk along the river to the centre of the town - in search of telephone boxes to make contact with home to report a safe arrival. Day two dawned with pouring rain and hence was the time to give out the project work and look at dividing this within the groups.

The weather for the rest of the trip was excellent and students spent the rest of the week involved in a mixture of project work and visits. Pupils went on a river trip down the Rhine and saw the many castles along the river. They visited Cochem and enjoyed a bird's eye view of the River Moselle from the top of the chair lift. Everyone really enjoyed themselves at the outdoor swimming pool which was absolutely enormous and gloriously cool after being on the coach. As a treat on the last day all relaxed at Phatasialand a theme park just outside Koln and then set out on the journey home.

Comments from the pupils themselves are the measure of

the success of the trip. The majority would like to go again and all felt that they had learnt something and that their German had developed. The project work handed in by the pupils was of an excellent standard and it was very difficult to pick out the best, but in the end it was Simone Gonzales's work which was judged to be of the highest calibre. Well Done Simone! The Hotel Management were extremely impressed with how well everyone looked after their rooms and indeed with the behaviour of the whole group. Well done! At Shire Oak we aim to maintain the highest standards in all respects.

CALL FOR HELP

The Shire Oak School Association will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Sunday, 26th November, 1995. They had hoped to once again call upon the services of the CITY TAPPERS to perform at this event. The City Tappers appeared at our Summer Fete in 1994 and were a great success.

The couple involved have recently moved house and we are unable to trace them. If any-

one can help us get in touch with the Tappers please contact Gill Sweet at Shire Oak School at any time during the school week.

Many thanks for any help!!!

FESTIVAL SUCCESS FOR TALENTED SCHOOL STUDENTS

On Saturday, 9th September at the Chadsmoor, Hednesford and District Music Festival Joanne Sweet and Katherine Grainger, both Year 11 pupils at Shire Oak came first and third respectively in the Open Brass class.

Joanne, who plays the tuba, won with an excellent rendition of "Swiss Air" by Roy Newsome. Katherine, playing the tenor horn, came third with a performance of the Rondo from Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 3.

Both girls together with a large number of their fellow students from Shire Oak are now working towards the Brownhills and Birmingham Music Festivals next month.

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Arthritis and Aromatherapy - Treating the cause not the symptom

Arthritis can be divided into two different types.

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Rheumatoid Arthritis is an inflammatory disease, affecting the synovial membranes, which encase joints. It is usually found in the hands and feet, but in severe cases all of the synovial joints may be involved.

If the body is not working efficiently enough to remove the uric acid (one of the body's waste products) from the blood stream, it forms crystals and these accumulate in the joint spaces causing inflammation, loss of movement and tremendous pain.

Some people's bodies are better at getting rid of these toxins than others, but if the body is suffering from stress anxiety, a poor diet or pollution from the environment, its detoxication processes can be greatly reduced.

Women are more commonly affected by rheumatoid arthritis than men, and are usually affected between the ages of 35 and 55.

Osteoarthritis is a non-inflammatory disease where the protective cartilage sur-

rounding the bone has worn away, leaving two bone surfaces exposed to rub against each other. This constant friction between the two will eventually cause the exposed surfaces to wear away, leading to pain and inflammation. This type of arthritis is most common amongst the middle aged or the elderly, and results mainly from the wear and tear of joints.

As a general note, standard medical procedure is to treat the pain and inflammation with drugs, sometimes with unpleasant side effects.

Aromatherapy offers an alternative.

Firstly, it deals with the toxin build up. Using careful preparations of detoxifying oils such as Lemon, Juniper, Fennel and Cypress, via massage or aromatic baths. These boost the body and help it to become quicker and more efficient at getting rid of toxins.

Secondly, painkilling oils can be used through massage and compresses applied directly to the joints, the most common are Marjoram, Lavender, Chamomile, Rosemary and Benzoin.

Circulation around the joint itself can also be improved, again by using massage,

aromatic baths and hot compresses, with the use of Black Pepper, Ginger and Marjoram.

These gentle treatments in many cases, offer great relief with a reduction in pain and increasing mobility.

The approach of aromatherapy to arthritis is not to treat the symptoms, but to get to the root cause of the problem in the first place. Often the cause is due to several factors, which build up over a long period of time. Stress, poor diet, being overweight, and old injuries, being just some of them.

It has been noted that many people affected by arthritis, often bottle up emotions, such as grief, rage and hatred and sometimes have difficulty in expressing themselves. The person with arthritis needs help to overcome these problems, in order to make the best possible recovery.

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In the May Local Government Elections only one person in three voted in Walsall: indeed in Mr Church's Ward of Blakenall the turnout was just 27% - a little over one person in four. Taken out of an overall electorate for the Borough of 200,000 just over 37,000 voted Labour - about 18% - less than one person in five!

This mass rejection of the democratic right to vote by two-thirds of Walsall's electorate may well reflect in part 'a plague on all your houses' and yet it may have grave consequences for the well-being of Walsall and Aldridge - Brownhill's people. Within weeks of taking over the Town Hall we are back to the 'loony left' label and the prospect of some kind of continuous revolution of half-baked administrative reforms with no thought through consequences for the delivery of services to the residents of the Borough.

As a local Member of Parliament, I am concerned about the delivery of Social Services, Housing and Education to the residents of Aldridge-Brownhills. Whilst no administrative structure should be set in stone and there should always be a continuous process of evaluation as to best practice, change should only be brought about when there is confidence in the system that replaces it. There is no evidence that this is the process whereby the Walsall Labour Party decided on such revolutionary changes. It is as if Dave Church is the Red Queen from Alice in Wonderland merely parroting 'Off with their Heads', as if this is a recipe for good Local Government.

In truth Heads of Department in Walsall Town Hall are charged with responsibility for the main areas of Local Government. There is a record of service to the local community where experience and fair-mindedness in serving our locally elected Councillors distinguishes Local Government in this country as against the more politically directed forms of Local Government elsewhere.

Mr Church's 'Power to the People' devolution plans of over 50 mini town halls across the Borough look just barmy. If so few people voted in the May elections thus paving the way for Mr Church's socialist revolution, why do we suppose that the 54 mini town halls will not in many instances magnify the lunacy of the Labour majority as they fall prey to the political correctness and bundle of single issue pressure groups that is now the Walsall Labour Party. How, for instance, are these mini town halls to be funded.

Where will they be located? Will they and their budgets be concentrated in Labour Wards to the detriment of those Wards currently represented by Conservative and Lib-Dem Councillors? These are the questions to which the voters of Walsall require answers. No wonder the Labour Leader, Mr Blair, is alarmed that a revival of such local Labour Parties will remind us all as to the reality of Labour in Local Government.

I have said nothing about the cost of New Labour in Walsall - but then it is difficult for any sensible person to properly evaluate what looks increasingly like a back-of-envelope stab in the dark. One rule about Walsall Labour as represented by its leadership is that it will cost much more than any estimate, that it will be at the expenses of the delivery of necessary and mandatory services and that the losers will be all of us in Walsall - those who voted as well as the two out of three who did not.

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WRITING ON THE WALL FOR BROWNHILLS COMMUNITY GROUP

The writing is on the wall for a Brownhills community group thanks to Walsall Council's Community Arts Team and the Business in the Arts scheme.

The Avenues Community Association has just scooped a

£750 cash award to undertake an exciting arts project which will brighten up their centre. The Avenues will use the prize money to employ artists Pete Smith and Jain McKay, from Walsall Youth Arts, to work

with members of the youth club to design and paint large scale murals and spray art designs to brighten the walls of the new youth room in the community centre.

The money was made available through the success of Walsall MBC Community Arts Team's work with volunteer business adviser Dave Jamieson. Dave won the Central Television Award for Business in the Arts Adviser of the Year for his work with the Community Arts Team. Part of his prize, sponsored by Midland Bank, was £750 to donate to the arts organisation of his choice.

Community Arts Officer, Mark Webster, commented 'What particularly impressed us, was the way the group approached the planning of the project. They consulted with all members of the club about what they wanted to do, and everyone decided on the artist they wanted to work with'.

Work begins on the project in September, ready for the official launch and opening of the new look youth room on 14 October 1995.

'Last Night' to start the season

The autumn season of events in Walsall begins with the City Of Oxford Orchestra performing a 'Last Night Of The Proms' concert. The event takes place at Walsall Town Hall on Friday 22 September.

This will mark the first appearance by the City of Oxford Orchestra who since its foundation in 1965 has evolved into one of the UK's most busy and versatile regional orchestras. In recent years the quality of its playing has led to a constant stream of international engagements resulting in acclaim being heaped upon the orchestra from as far afield as Istanbul, Vienna, Prague and Zurich.

The music programme for the evening consists of a number of popular tunes starting with Mozart's "Magic Flute Overture" and his piano concerto No 21 "Elvira Madigan" plus Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony". Following the interval is a lively traditional "Proms" programme, which includes "Fantasia

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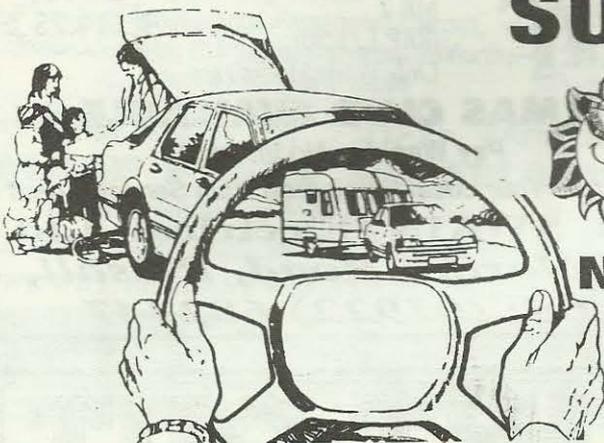
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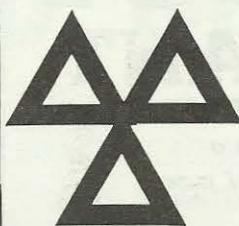
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FIRST DAY EXPERIENCES

THE BIG DAY -
Craig Richards

The night before school I was scared I was so scared I could not go to sleep, but the next day I got everything ready and set off for school. I said to myself, "I'm not afraid, I'm not afraid" - but I was. Yet after a while I thought it's not bad at all and I got used to it. The next day got better and better and I began to like it and when the rest of the school came back it didn't worry me any more. I talked to them and I walked to school with them. There was no fighting no flushing heads down the toilets and I thought the lessons were going to be bad, but they were good. We're better at this school than the old school and the dinners are great.

MY FRIGHTENING FIRST DAY
- Mark Read

On the morning of September 5th 1995 I awoke to the fright of my first day at the Comp. I was excited and worried all at the same time. I put on my uniform that I knew I would have to put for the next 5 or so years and realised that I would never again wear a Junior School sweater.

I messed my toast around not eating much, 8.20 am came faster than

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ever and my best friend called for me to walk to school. I asked him how he felt and he felt the same as me.

When I was standing outside the entrance and heard the "ring, ring" of the bell I know this was it! I met up with my friend who is in my class and we looked for our classroom. We lined up in the corridor and our form tutor greeted us and led us in to our classroom and my legs felt like jelly! He then handed us our timetables and homework diaries and told us our groups and what to write on them. After this it was onto Music and I managed to answer some questions on that subject. After that we had dinner and it was busy, much busier than my old school. Our last lesson was Art. She explained about different pencils and their uses and after that - I loved it!!

THE BIG DAY -
Matthew Broxton

This is the day of terror, or the day of excitement? I didn't know because I heard stories of lads getting their heads flushed down the loo. When I got there, there were only Year 7s, so I immediately thought I wasn't scared. My form teacher was alright although he looked strange to me, so I was

careful not to get on the wrong side of him. When he spoke, I was not scared anymore. I got around very slowly with my friend. The next day I was even more scared because everybody was back to normal at last. The older ones gave me funny looks, my tie was throttling me and my top button kept hurting me. I decided to walk a bit faster, so I ran. A teacher stopped me just in time. So I stopped worrying. Then she told me what time it was and I walked to class. When the home bell went, I grabbed my coat and went home.

NEW BEGINNING -
Victoria Nash

Last night my nerves ran riot and my knees were rattling, it took me a whole hour to get to sleep. I could not stop fidgeting. The closer it got the more nervous I got.

The night passed over and it was morning. I heard my dad go out early for work, but then couldn't get back to sleep so I jumped into my school clothes and waited for the time to come! Next thing I knew my mom had packed me off and I was sitting on the bus. I arrived at school and met my mates. I didn't seem that worried but I knew deep down I was

terrified. We went into school and met our form tutors. She was very nice. Most of the day I was wondering when lunch was but I soon got over that. I was on my way to another lesson, I think I was a bit lost but I was wondering what it was going to be like tomorrow with another 900 kids all bigger than me!

NEW BEGINNING -
Charmain Tromans

My alarm went off and the light was shining through the gap in my curtains. I slowly opened one eye and saw my mom standing at the end of my bed. "It's time to get up", she said, so I slid out of bed and stepped into my new trousers and buttoned up my blouse. I then went downstairs to have a wash and do my hair, I intended to have some breakfast after that but I didn't have time.

When I got to school I saw my friends standing at the main entrance so I went over to have a chat. When the bell went I felt nervous, worried and grown up.

We only had two lessons because it was our first day but we met some teachers and lots of new people. I really enjoyed my first day and I told my mom all about it but as I got into bed that night I thought to myself that tomorrow would be stranger because all of the other children would be there.

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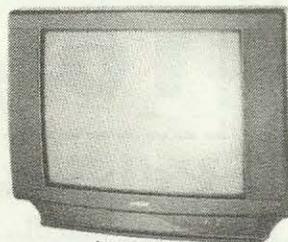


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NEWS SCHOOL NEWS**NEW BEGINNINGS -***Jayne Stokes*

It must have been midnight before I dropped off to sleep. All I could think about was school. I kept thinking about what would happen. Would I get lost? Would I like my new teachers? What if I'm late for school because I have overslept?

In fact, I didn't oversleep at all. It was 6.00 am when I woke up! I dragged myself out of bed about an hour later and had a shower. After I came out of the shower I dried myself and put on my uniform.

Oh dear! My tie went terribly wrong! I decided to go downstairs and let my mom sort me out.

At the end of the day I felt great I only got lost three times. All the teachers were quite nice, and I couldn't wait to get back the next day!

NEW BEGINNINGS -*Kelly Wheeler*

The night before last I was sick with worry I had heard a lot of horrible tales from the older kids down my street like people getting their heads flushed down the loos and having their money nicked by older pupils.

The next morning when mom come to get me out of bed I was terrified. I quickly put my new uniform on. It was still very tight and stiff from the packets.

As we went outside to catch the bus mom gave me a big hug and told me not to be worried.

As I arrived I was totally shocked about the size of the place. Then sud-

denly these unfamiliar faces told us to line up. We waited in reception for our form teacher. Miss Hutchings was her name and we met her on open night as well so we knew who she was. We then entered our form room where she told us our subjects and which teacher and room to go to. It was alright the first day apart from getting lost a few times.

I was still dreading the next day when all the older ones would be there. It was alright apart from getting squeezed and pushed through the corridors.

NEW BEGINNINGS -*Alison Cooper*

Sunday night I could not sleep. I had dreams about how the other children would call me names, and push me around. I woke up at about 3 o'clock in the morning and I got back to sleep at about 5 o'clock. Then the next thing I knew mom was shaking me saying it was time for school, trying to wake me. I dare not open my eyes but in the end I did. I looked at the clock - it was 7.30 am. I was shaking because I knew I had to go to a bigger school and I would get lost.

Then my dad did me some breakfast and I had to eat it because it was a long time until break. I managed to get my new clothes on but whatever I did I could not do my tie because I was shaking so much.

When I got to school I did not know where to go. I wanted to cry but I knew if I did everyone would

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call me a baby. When I went up to class I did not know whether to say something or not.

Next day it was fine but the big children were with us. It is a bit more cramped but I love it now. I walked home and my mom fired millions of questions at me.

ERIN O'CONNOR'S INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF MODELLING

When I was asked to describe the modelling world I didn't know where to start.

On the first day of my arrival the agency was full of very busy irate people. I was nervous and looking round I realised I wasn't the only one as the other new girls were in the same situation as myself.

When my "booker" Ellis approached me against it brought back memories of when I visited the Clothes Show. I couldn't believe where I was standing and I thought what am I doing here?

As the weeks passed I became more familiar with my surroundings and made some great pals. I travelled all around London and although it

tired me out it was still rather exciting. My favourite place had to be Piccadilly Circus as I spent a large amount of my time doing castings for magazines there. There were many tourists around and a couple of times I got bombarded by Japanese people who took pictures as they were amazed at my height!!

My first photo shoot was exciting as it was on top of a roof in Covent Garden. I remember it well, as it poured with rain, but I think it actually helped add to the mood of the picture.

I was also quite pampered during my stay. I had a free hair cut by Tony & Guy salon and I also had a couple of manicures as well as having my eyebrows plucked (pain!!).

There were some funny occasions that I will never forget, like falling off a moving bus and getting stuck between tube doors. It helped liven up the atmosphere especially when we were down and missed home.

My only claim to fame is that Yasmin LeBon slept in the same bed as I did when she first moved to London! I was really shocked!!

Because of lack of cooking experience a lot of my money went on McDonalds and I got the name Big Mac from the bookers in my agency. I think they thought I was crazy.

During my time in London I went to all different types of castings some of which included going to Move, Just Seventeen, Company, Marie Claire, The Face, New Woman, The Clothes Show etc. It was weird going to these places as I had only ever read the magazines before. It took time to adjust to modelling and although by the end of the summer I had learned a lot I know there is still a lot I have to do before I am familiar with the job. It has done me the world of good, and apart from gaining a lot of confidence I think I have become more outgoing and independent. I can't wait for next summer!

A BIG YEAR -

Terri Weston Year 11

After 6 weeks off school who'd have thought we'd go back and be

fifth years. There's a different feeling around now, a sense of more responsibility and many important decisions lie in our hands.

It seems the last four years of our schooling life has just flown by and it's hard to believe that we take our GCSEs in about 9 months.

With the leavers just gone and some others beginning "A" levels it gives us more of an incentive to try our best. More than every now we are being given advice on knuckling down and making sure school comes first, it looks like good-bye to our social lives for a while. However, it will all be worth it in the end.

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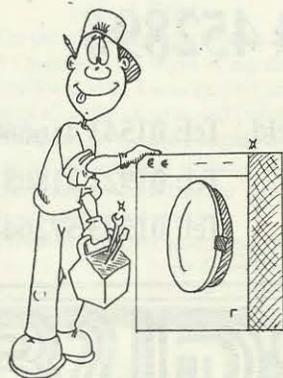
Knives Badminton Club would welcome new members for social matches on Tuesdays. Details from Ian Delamont (01543) 676059. For competitive matches Brownhills Badminton Club require players, details from Dave Stackhouse (01922) 710440.

OFF TO UNIVERSITY

With over three quarters of Post-16 "A" level students from Brownhills Sixth Form are off to continue their studies at University, the school's impressive record of its students gaining degree, HND and other advanced courses has been maintained. 12 students are off to Universities and Colleges of High Education across the country to study degrees (BA, BSc etc) in subjects ranging from Applied Computing to Religious Studies, Mathematics to Sociology. A further 4 students are commencing Higher National Diploma courses in Environmental Monitoring, Computing, Business Information Technology and Art and Design Foundation Studies. Of the remainder, 2 students have gained employment and 1 student is completing further "A" level study to improve his grades.

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Over the last 2 years alone, 50 students have left Brownhills Sixth Form to study degrees and Higher National Diplomas. "We are justifiably proud of the achievements of our Post-16 students, and we wish them the very best on their University courses and in their future careers", says Bill de Ridder, Director of Post-16 Education. We very much hope that, as in previous years, they will wish to pop in to see us to let us know how they are getting on when they are visiting home."

CONGRATULATES TO THE GRADUATES OF 1995.

Brownhills School congratulates all ex-students who are graduates of 1995. We would be very pleased to hear from any of our ex-students who have graduated this summer.

Please write in or telephone us on 452886 and let us have details of your degree. We would be delighted if you could let us have a photograph of your Graduation Day. (We can take a copy if you only have the original).

Mr Brooks, (previous Head of Mathematics) has rung in to also offer his congratulations and he wishes to be remembered to all.

GOOD SUMMER RESULTS

This August saw the full range of emotions as students gained results in the GCSE, "A" level and Vocational courses. The school wishes to congratulate all of the students, who gained a good set of results once more.

In the Vocational courses the school gained 100% passes in the following:

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However, the majority of results came on Thursday, 24th August with the GCSEs, with 48 pupils gaining 5 GCSEs or more at grades A-C, the school are extremely pleased with them. The majority of these have now returned to follow courses at the school. On Thursday, 17th August the "A" level results arrived with great success for our students. With 100% pass rate in Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Art, Textiles and Religious Studies. With Mr de Ridder's (Director of Post-16 Education) help, all students are now placed and looking forward to their new course. We wish them all well with their futures.

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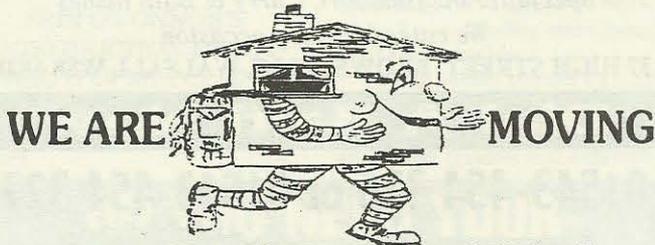
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Tim Howard, of Walsall Leisure Services Department, told The Pelsall Post, that following consultation with local residents, Walsall's Community Services Committee had decided not to go ahead with the plan.

In the village, concern about the fairs on Pelsall Common has been expressed, with regard to both the noise and poor social behaviour of some of the people attending. Also, when inclement weather occurs, deep ruts are left on the Common.

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